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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 13, 2006, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the subject matter of Group VI, directed to claims 11 and 18, as that Group is further defined in the Office Action.

The election of Group VI is being made solely to comply with the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action. The right to file one or more divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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